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ext) For some time now rumors have been circulating among members of the diplomatic corps accredited in Washington, saying that the Central Intelligence Agency which attempted to overthrow Fidel Castro means of the abortive invasion of Cuba, two years ago helped him take power.

These rumors point out that agents of the CIA, anxious to bring about the downfall of Batista, had supplied weapons to Castro during his uprising in the Sierra Maestra, in eastern Cuba. U.S. columnist New Pearson, after a great deal of searching, (has reported?) that there is circumstantial although not conclusive evidence that the aforementioned agency was connected with shipments of weapons to Castro, which eventually permitted him to take power. (Pearson writes?) that Castro received the weapons from the same company, the International Armaments Corporation, which the agency had used to overthrow the government of Arbenz in Guatemala, and also that the company was organized by a former employee of the agency, Samuel Cummings. Sometimes the agency worked through U.S. companies, and at other times organized special firms to carry out (special?) tasks such as (supplying?) weapons to groups of revolutionaries.

Cummings headed one of such firms, which supplied weapons used to overthrow Arbenz. Later his weapons reached Castro's hands. How closely the agency was involved in these matters is a thing hard to find out, and this should be closely investigated by the U.S. Senate.

The U.S. House Un-American Activities Committee has done something in this matter already, and reported: Chester A. Emrick with offices in room 7048 of the Internal Revenue Building, chief of investigators for the tax bureau, was interviewed regarding the matter. He said that Samuel Cummings some time ago had been employed by the Central Intelligence Agency and is now director of the International Armaments Corporation. Emrick said that he knew that the firm had invested 100,000 dollars in the Cummings venture four years ago, but does not know at this time what is the connection between Cummings and the company. He said that he believed it would be a good thing to investigate the activities of the company.